GUIDE TO THE COLLECTIONS RELATING TO

ABORIGINAL HISTORY AND CULTURE

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IRWIN PAGE - Awabakal and Port Stephens people

MRS HELEN PANKHURST – The papers and notebooks of CANON CARLOS STRETCH – Aboriginal language and place names studies.


PURFLEET SPECIAL WORKS PROJECT - Reports from Purfleet

MRS RITA SMITH - Papers and books relating to Aboriginal Culture
INTRODUCTION

The Aboriginal Collections held in the ARBSC Unit are vast and of strong research interest, being records of local Koori or Goori culture and traditions, rock and cave art in the Hunter Valley, as well as a unique collection of weapons from the estate of the late Percy Haslam, renowned scholar and lover of Aboriginal culture. We wish to thank all the individuals, societies and institutions for their trust and generous support in depositing this archival research material with the Archives, Rare Books and Special Collections Unit of the University of Newcastle. They have helped to create a rich collection available to researchers and the wider community in the study of the indigenous culture and traditions of the local Koori (or Goori) people in the Hunter Valley.

We can count ourselves fortunate that some of the ancient Aboriginal languages and dreaming tales of the Hunter region have survived. In just 200 years, and after thousands of years of habitation, the last speakers of the original tongues of this region were all but wiped out. Their sacred land as well as hunting grounds were involuntarily turned into someone else's property. So much has been lost.

For what we do know, much we owe to the work of two individuals, the Aboriginal leader of the Awabakal clan, Biraban or M'Gill, who flourished circa 1800 – 14th April 1846, and the missionary Lancelot Edward Threlkeld (1788 - 1859), who created an Aboriginal mission on the banks of Lake Macquarie in 1826. Threlkeld, as well as acting as protector of the Aboriginal people, compiled a grammar and vocabulary of the Awabakal dialect. As part of his missionary instruction, and with the help of Biraban as his tutor, he questioned the Aboriginals about their language, beliefs and witnessed some of their rituals, recording dreaming stories, important places, as well as ritualistic practices. Threlkeld's correspondence and papers were edited by Niel Gunson in Australian Reminiscences and Papers of L.E. Threlkeld: Missionary to the Aborigines 1824 - 1859. Canberra, A.C.T.: Australian Institute of Aboriginal Studies, 1974. Threlkeld's published works on the Awabakal language that were originally published as pamphlets were brought together and edited by John Fraser in 1892 under the title An Australian Language as spoken by the Awabakal the people of Awaba and Lake Macquarie (Near Newcastle, New South Wales) being an account of their Language, Traditions, and Customs. Sydney: Charles Potter, Government Printer, 1892.

Since that period, this region has seen a number of individuals who have who have sort to safeguard and record whatever local Aboriginal knowledge they were able to garner during the period of detribalisation. Two important figures were the late Canon Carlos Stretch and Mr Percy Haslam who, though their work on Aboriginal languages and culture have formed the basis of a new and inspired generation of scholars who can help bring this wonderful culture to life again. One of Percy's dreams was to have the native languages taught in schools, and we are happy to report that there are at least five studies of local languages currently underway.

Gionni Di Gravio
September 2001
THE COLLECTIONS

ABORIGINAL CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETY -
NEWCASTLE AWABAKAL CULTURE CLASS

M1438 - M1440  Drawings by Aboriginal Children, Sept. 1980

“These exhibits were supplied by the Newcastle Awabakal Culture Class conducted by The Aboriginal Co-Operative Society. These children attend weekly classes to learn the Awabakal mother tongue...elders and initiated persons take them on visits to sacred sites in Lake Macquarie and the Lower Hunter Valley.”

M1441  Poster of Cave Paintings [1980]

“Aboriginal Cave Paintings, Cobar N.S.W.” Published by National Parks and Wildlife Service.

ROCHELLE BALL

A5582(ix)  The Breelong Blacks - A Critical Analysis


see also

A5422(i) (a)  The Breelong Blacks by Arthur Noonan

STAN BROWN

A6082(x)  Xerox copies of maps of Laguna and surrounding areas showing names of residents and locations of Aboriginal markings. [Restricted]

COMMUNIST PARTY OF AUSTRALIA

A7075  Racism Symposium papers, 1972.
The Percy Haslam Collection, which forms the foundation of our Aboriginal research collections, arrived in 1977 when Percy had been appointed the University of Newcastle's visiting convocation scholar in residence researching Aboriginal dreaming, history, culture and language.

He had come to the University after retiring from the Newcastle Herald, where he had worked for forty four years as its industrial and political roundsman and associate editor. In May 1984, in recognition of his wonderful work in indigenous culture and language, he was presented with the Honorary degree of Master of Arts, *honoris causa*. Percy Haslam died on September 17th 1987 leaving a body of work reflecting his love and passion for Aboriginal culture.
Since Percy's death, the Collection has been of enormous interest for people researching the native culture of the region. The Collection comprises his research papers, notes, photographs, books and artefacts. They are a personal record of his investigations. He spoke to many people, white and black, and recorded all his learned. Percy's investigations into the native languages of the region has recently inspired and spawned at least five independent researches into the native tongues of the region, meaning that there is a chance that in future we may see native original tongues taught in schools along with English. This was one of Percy's dreams.

The collection of artefacts including many weapons has recently been placed on exhibition at the Regional Museum's [Mixed Mobs](http://example.com) display. The collection has also acted as a catalyst in allowing for the deposit of other collections to the University including the Laut Family Collection of artefacts, to be eventually housed in the new Umulliko Centre.

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**A5410(i)**  Aboriginal myths and legends and other material relating to the Aborigines of Eastern New South Wales [Typescripts], 1977-1979.


**A5410(vii)**  Teaching Aboriginal History as a Basic Subject in Secondary School. [A submission to the New South Wales Premier, with correspondence, June 20th 1978.][Typescript]

**A5410(viii)**  Typed information on Boomerang (A5416) and the site where the Boomerang was found in the Wallanbah district near Gloucester.

**A5410(ix)**  Newspaper article "History preserved in Photographic Collection." from Port Macquarie News March 23rd, 1981. [Refers to Thomas Dick Collection of Photographs located at B8879.]
Xerox copy of The History of Bulga near Singleton N.S.W. from 1820 to 1921 by A.N. Feather, and a description of the last combined Bora ceremony on the family property in 1852. See also A6719A for 7 colour slides of Aboriginal cut trees from the Grahamstown Area.

Hunter District Water Board Journal, 1978 containing article “Preserving the past nature’s way” by Percy Haslam.

Xerox copies of The Australasian Anthropological Journal, March 31st 1897 and April 30th, 1897.

Deflecting Shield [transferred to A5416]


List of weapons and artifacts [in boxes A5411-A5412]

Artwork of Aboriginal Children, exhibits supplied by the Newcastle Awabakal Culture Class conducted by the Aboriginal Co-operative Society.

Certificate of Merit, Lake Macquarie Herald Aboriginal Essay Competition, October 1975, to mark 150th Anniversary of settlement at Belmont.

Haslam Photographic Collection List of Photographs [Collection located at B8879b, B8876, B8879, B8878, B8879a, B8877].

Aboriginal Weapons:
1. Hand Shield (Kori-el/ Hylliman) - Hind Wood - Awabakal
2. Woomera (Yummeri) - Myrtle - Awabakal
3. Woman’s Digging Stick (Wy-Yong-Toong) - Myrtle - Awabakal
5. Gooseneck Throwing Club (Kot-ir-ra or Kyrlie) - River or Water Gum - Awabakal.
8. Hunting Boomerang (Bara-Barkun-Ong) - River or Water Gum - Wonarua.
10. Returning Boomerang (Tummar-Ka-Oowarlin) - River or Water Gum - Awabakal.

11. Ceremonial Spear (Wairai/Kirri) - (Spear) Onyx Stone. [Skin of animal bound with clay and wattle gum underneath Onyx stone then Cane handle].

“All articles, except those marked with W (Wonarua) are of the Awabakal tribe, mainly from the western side of Lake Macquarie. These are black in colour, compared with the reddish wood used by the Wonarua tribe. Woods are preserved by being rubbed with Possum or Wallaby fat. River or Water Gum is light in colour when young, but turns red when matured. Myrtle is a very heavy wood. Hind wood is a very hard wood. River and Water Gum (Triftania Laurina) Black Wattle (Acacia Decurrens). Note Ring Gidgee (Cambagei) gives off a nasty ordour when damp or wet.”

A5414(xv) Tomago News, November 1982. Contains articles on Tomago Aboriginal History, Tomago History, Tomago aluminium smelter and the Year of the Tree.


A6704 Aboriginal records:

Printed material, including place names, 1974-1984.

Specimens of a dialect of the Aborigines of New South Wales...by L.E.Threlkeld, 1827.

Aborigines of the Hunter Region [A kit of printed material and colour slides compiled by Percy Haslam and others, for educational purposes. Published by the Department of Education Hunter Region, Hunter Social Studies Association, Ministry for Aboriginal Affairs, N.S.W. ca.1985].

A6705-A6706B Printed material and typescripts on Land rights and Aboriginal affairs, employment, education, health, including Parliamentary reports and the impact of mining on Aborigines, 1976-1986.


A6707(i) Second report from the Select Committee of the Legislative Assembly upon Aborigines, 1981.


Aboriginal Hostels Limited, Annual Report, 1979
Manuscript and typescript notes on Aboriginal languages.

Awabakal language including radio lessons and primer 1985-1986, including Gateshead High School Course.


Five manuscript notebooks on Awabakal language for Gateshead class [n.d.]


Gringhai Language, 1983.

Thanghatti Language

Wanarua, Worimi Languages, 1980.

An Attempt Towards a Comparative Grammar of Two Australian languages, by N.M.Holmer [Katang and Thangatti languages].


Bundjaluna Picture Book

Ngamba Language

Aboriginal place names

Aboriginal poetry

Aboriginal mathematics

Aboriginal languages - general.

Aboriginal sites: reports, surveys and correspondence, 1982-1986. [Includes surveys of proposed development at Tea Gardens and Kerrabee Dam near Muswellbrook, 1982]

Traditions and ceremonies.

Aboriginal History and Culture

Awabakal, includes Old Margaret of Swansea, Awabakal Co-op.

Wonarua Tribe

Kamilaroi Tribe

Aborigines of the Hunter Region
A6712(v) General history of Aborigines

A6712(vi) Denman Rotary Club address, April 1984.

A6712(vii) Aboriginal mathematics [Typescript] Transfer to A6709(xiii)
Notes on Natives in Newcastle 1842-1858.

A6712(viii) The Kattang (Kuthung) or Worimi: an Aboriginal Tribe by W.J.Enright
[Xerox copy from “Native Tribes of South East Australia”, 1932].

A6712(ix) Aborigines of Port Stephens and Great Lakes Area.

A6713 The Australasian Anthropological Journal, April 30th 1897
[Xerox copy]
The Earlies Inhabitants: Aboriginal Tribes of Dungog, Port
Stephens and Gresford, by Gordon Bennett.

A6714 Papers relating to Aboriginal art and artifacts 1981-1987
Cutting stones
The Prehistoric Arts, manufactures, works, weapons, etc of the
Aborigines of Australia..., by Thomas Worsnop, 1897 [copy].
Aboriginal rock paintings at Wollombi, by W.J.Enwright,
1934 [Reprint from “Mankind”, October 1934].

A6715 Facsimile of London Chronicle, July 20th 1771,
Supplement to Daily Mirror April 1969,
Press clippings on Aborigines and Hunter Valley history
1975-1986,
Press clippings on Threlkeld, Newcastle shipwrecks, St
Clements Church of England Gloucester and Bishop Tyrrell.

A6716 Manuscript notes on Aborigines and Hunter Valley history.

A6717 Papers relating to Aboriginal Studies
Address to Singleton Historical Society, 1980
“History and Atonement”.
Address by Roy Nichols, Chairman NAC October, 12th, 1980
[on Aboriginal History].

A6718 Maps and Plans [most undated]
Eastern New South Wales including Newcastle, Lake
Macquarie, Tomago, Hunter valley, Kerribee Dam, Mangrove
Creek dam, Barrington Tops, Proposed airport - Aero
Pelican.
Aboriginal sites and tribal territories

A6719A Photographs of New South Wales Aborigines
Glass slides of tree cuts in the Grahamstown Area
Notes on the photographic collection

A6719B  Album of prints from the Thomas Dick Collection of Aboriginal photographs [Transferred from albums B8876-9a]

A6720  Correspondence 1938-1987.

A6721(i)  Records relating to the history of Lake Macquarie 1828-1980’s [includes listing of early land grants].

A6721(ii)  Records relating to Murray’s Run [Near Wollombi].

A6721(iii)  Records relating to the journals of Lady Isabella Louisa Parry, 1828-1983, and photographs of Charles, Edward and Isabella Parry.


A6722(v)-(vi)  Group photographs:
Wedding; C.A.Brown Village; two unidentified men holding shakles; rowing groups; The Lawrence family; East Gresford; East Gresford School 1904; Swansea School pre-1920; Glen William School 1897; Raymond Terrace School ca.1900; Singleton High School students at Hunter Valley Aboriginal site; Bolton Street Newcastle School 1919; Unidentified cricket team; Distinguished Colonists of NSW, Unidentified group outside wooden building ca.1890’s; P. Haslam and Aborigines.

A6722(viii)  Portrait photographs:
John Dick; Cletus Taylor; Ivor David Peebles; John Wilkinson shoots dead Joe Governor [dead]; unidentified child [negative].

A6722(ix)  Early Newcastle photographs [n.d.]; Cohen’s Fire; Coach and Draft Horses; Raymond Terrace in flood [n.d.]; War Office photographs 1945; unidentified grave; Threlkeld; metal object.

A6724  Plains Indians by Ben Burt and Canada: Indian Land Rights [Typescript n.d.]

The Founding of the A.I.M. [Australian Inland Mission] in Australia by Retla Dixon [First meeting August 1st, 1905].


Conference and ergativity in Warrungu discourse Tsunoda, Tasaku, University of Nagoya [Paper presented ca.1985].

A6725(viii)  Secret Societies: Druidism [Typescript n.d.][with comparison to Aboriginal customs].

A6725(ix)  Typescript on the writing of Aboriginal history, with references to The Singelton Budget, Melville and Harry, Kate Beresford, Hunter Valley Aborigines, Cooranbong and Seventh Day Adventists [n.d.].
Kate Beresford [Typescript].

Melville and Harry, by William Collins. Submitted to The Budget, 1895.

A6725(xi) Typescripts of interviews and reminiscences:

Mr Ray Dick of Port Macquarie [Transcript n.d.].

Coming of animal tribes as told to Ray Northey of Wallsend in December 1965.

J. Bain Memoirs per Mrs Hazel Suters

Pioneer reminiscences by A.W.S MacKay [Ngamba and Ngaku Tribes].

John Batman

“Dr” Joh Allan: extracts from an interview 1913, at Wingham.


Early colonial racing [Typescript n.d.].

A6725(xii) Reprints on early Britains, cultures and artifacts.

A6725(xiii) Sorena Mary Elizabeth Radcliffe Freeman

A6725(xiv) Threlkeld [Typescript notes].

A6725(xvi) “Change equals a multicultural society” by P.A.Haslam [?]

Certificate of education of Percy Jepson 1898.

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A7759(i) Artefacts from Burwood Beach – flints, ochre grinder and graved stone. Six (6) waste flakes and chert (Glenrock Lagoon)

A7759(ii) Artefact – Heavy Turba Shell – for use in manufacture of fish hooks.

A7759(iii) Artefacts – from Norah Head

A7759(iv) Artefacts – ‘Mustlebrook’ (sic) – waste flakes, fossil wood, flaking core, mystery pebble and piece of marine shell.

A7759(v) Artefact c.1978 – Stone with flakes knocked off it, shattered in fire.

A7759(vi) Norah Head – fossils, flaking stone, water worn pebble. From sand dunes or beach site midden.

A7760(i) Artefacts collected from Swansea Heads & Beach January 1984 and Belmont South 31st May 1984. Flakes, quartz, chert (not found at Belmont Beach) and waste flakes.


A7760(iii) Artefacts from Doyle’s Creek Denman Area collected 12th April 1984. Mammal bone, perhaps that of a possum, yellow pigment and waste flakes.

A7760(iv) Artefacts from [‘Mt Archer or Mt Arthur, Denman?’] No. 1 Site Lake Macquarie’ collected 10th March 1986.

A7760(v) Artefacts collected from Port Macquarie

A7760(vi) Artefacts collected from Burra Gurra Cave. Fire Ash and ash deposit in cave, cockle shell, genuine piece of human flaked stone.

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A7761(i) Artefacts from Burra Gurra Cave and artefact from [Mongrani Strictione?] 23rd Feb 1979.

A7761(ii) Artefacts from Denhman (sic). Hammer stone rough pitting – waste flakes – fire shattered items.
A7761(iii) Artefacts from Denhan (sic). Water worn pebble, fossilised wood, fire shattered objects, waste pieces from Aboriginal work.

A7761(iv) Various artefacts from unknown locations – grinstone used for pigment ochre colour

A7761(v) Various artefacts from unknown locations - quartz

A7761(vi) Various artefacts from unknown locations – hammer stones

A7761(vii) Various artefacts from unknown locations – flaking core ware worn pebble perhaps from Swansea.

20th February 2001 Consignments:

A7771(i) Photograph (c.1980) and letter relating to Yellow Ochre hand painting.

A7771(ii) Kodak Photographic Paper Box containing slides and box of photographs of Aborigines and Aboriginal sacred sites ca.1900 –1980s. Typed slide index by Percy Haslam reads as follows:

1. Warrior of the Ngamba tribe at [text missing] which is called BANG-O-COO-BEEBAH.


4. [Text missing] […rl] with collection of pippies, a staple marine food, on beach near Port Macquarie. This type of shellfish was plentiful, but not gathered in winter for breeding reasons. Marine and shell food formed part of the basic diet of coastal aborigines. Mostly the shellfish were roasted near middens (kitchens).

5. Dad ensures a meal for dinner. Porcupine is a delicacy (I can vouch). It is perhaps a little fatty, and in tribal state days was often reserved, as were young dingoes, for elderly men.

6. A tribal elder cuts a sacred symbol pattern on a tree. Very little is known of the sacred cuts of any tribe. They were explained in secrecy during the Bora ceremonies.

7. A man of high degree (fully initiated to the fourth degree) – garundah – gives to two initiands, who has passed through the initiation of the first stage – Ghill khill – a lesson on the kangaroo totem. Other degrees: Morowen, Woolangrah and garundah (six months in bush).

8. Among some North Coast Tribes eating part of a snake (mostly carpet) was part of the initiation ceremony. Here, in the bush, a tribal elder demonstrates to two young initiands.

9. A rare picture. A medicine man, or sorcerer, curing a patient close to the sacred tree by extracting the cause of the complaint – a stone. The doctors were good at sleight of hand. Sometimes bones were diagnosed (sic) as the cause.

10. Making a bark canoe. The bark has been stripped from a tree and fired use to strengthen it. This picture shows natives ready to join each end.

11. Two ceremonial trees, long since disappeared, having a European value of 5 pounds each.
12. Climbing a tree, either for possum or honey. Generally, women were sent up to get honey.

13. Ngamba warriors prepare for the hunt. Note the killing boomerang, which did not return, and the flat type of shield used on the North Coast.

14. Flaking tips for spears and tools on the beach.

15. A similar scene at a midden on the beach near Lake Catai. This was also the site of fulgurites, of which we have a few samples of the small type and which have been the subject of some research by Dr Bashar. These were first found 65 years ago in a pocket of thin white sand in the midden area. Some fulgurites had soft roots in white milky substances. Scientific explanation is that fulgurities were fisioned together when lightning struck wet sand. We hand samples of sand taken 65 years ago and in December 1977. The site has changed but little in appearance. There is still flaking material there, plus wood and bramble charcoal found at a depth of two feet.

16. The same midden site photographed 65 years ago.

17. Old timber cutters from the Watagans of the 1850s and 1860s. They knew the Awabakal, Wonarua and Darkinoong, and possibly for few intruding Kamilaroi in their period of detribalisation. Descendants of some of these pioneers still work the Watagans. Such families have been a valuable source of material.

18. One of a number of cut trees in a Bora instruction a limb cutting (human) site near Broke. These trees are in line with sacred paintings and stencils.

19. An information in the same area painting by Wonarua. It says: There are rock wallabies around here, fish in Wollombi Brook, as well as goanna and turtle, but beware: This is bad snake country.

20. Also in the same area: cave with charcoal stencils. Close by is rock platform with toe line where karardjees stood to address boombits (initiands) below.

21. Mr Lyle (“Snow”) Brickman, of Paynes Crossing with Wonarua killing stick he found in a sandy cave near his farming property. He has also unearthed stone artifacts while ploughing. This is regarded as a perfect example of Wonarua craft.

22. The “Boambee” cave at Milbrodale. Magnificent figure in red ochre, representing “guardian of the valley”. The stencils are first class and in the small ones confirm that this was one area where women were initiated as young girls.

23. “Nayantinla” – the all seeing eye often found at approaches to sacred sites.

25. Cedar Creek paintings. Note variety of work and large painted hands, with ceremonial significance.

26. A typical scene of the sand-clogged Wollombi Brook when in low water, with rising mountains in the distance that contain sacred overhangs and paintings.

27. Mr Joe Sansome on his Gloucester property with a honey tree preserved by his family containing cut toe holds aborigines used to ascend. His grandfather could recall when local natives (Gringhai or Worimi) climbed the tree for honey.

28. A red ochre flying possum painting in a sacred cave at Mount Manning. Other animals portrayed in this site are the dingo and wombat. Darkinoong country, with probable intrusion by Durak people.

29. A sacred site area on the Watagan Mountains. This leads to rare mud paintings of the Awabakal (largely vandalised) and a military outpost, where weapons were sharpened in
grooves. The Watagans, so little explored, holds many sacred site areas and could be the most productive in the years ahead.

30. A section of the punishment scene at Burra Gurra (Devils Rock).

30A. How a picture can be distorted by a camera – a warning on the need to get everything into proper focus when using a camera for this work.

31. Mr Mel Jurd, of Wollombi – family had been settlers in this area for about 150 years – steps on a huge carved footprint said to have been the path of the sky spirit when he came to earth.

32. Notes on this full penal scene. Interpretation still requires more study.

33. One of some carvings found on a beach between Nobbys and Redhead.

34. One of many horseshoe structures in Port Stephens area.

35. Rock Platform approach to a larger structure.

36. One [are arc?], which reveals itself after rain, similar to the ring at Singleton Army camp, of the ring surrounded by these structures. Data still classified.

37. Rocks at the base of trees that are [an] one approach (eastern) to the structures: similar pattern used for trees [nears] the stone nests at Wilson River and Crescent Head.

A7771(iii) Copy of *The Port Stephens Blacks: The Recollections of William Scott* [1929]

A7771 (iv) Four National Parks and Wildlife Service booklets on the Aborigines of New South Wales entitled “Coastal People”, “Murray People”, “Mountain People” and People of the Plains”. [n.d.]


A7771(vi) Copy of Puleeta Cessnock Corrective Centre Issue 2 Dec. 1986

A7771(vii) 1 folder of newsclippings relating to Aboriginal cave paintings, Eric Taggart of Broke, Kamilaroi, Tom Dillon grave at Sandgate Cemetery (last full blood Aborigine of the Hawkesbury River Tribe, the Darook) and typescript signed by Percy Haslam entitled “Darkinoong Defloration of maidens at Murray’s Run. At site of Ceremonial cave with symbolical paintings in charcoal.” [c.1975].

A7771(viii) Photocopy of Typescript copy of Manuscript entitled Some Rambling Remarks on the Life and History of James Swales Clark and his wife, Elizabeth McDonald. Hartlands, September 9th, 14.

**BERNARD VAN LEER FOUNDATION ACTION RESEARCH PROJECT**

PETER MULLER  
(FACULTY OF ARCHITECTURE)

A6360(xii)  Xerox copies of description and locations of Aboriginal cave paintings, sites and drawings in the Hunter Valley.  
[Restricted Access].

NEWCASTLE TRADES HALL COUNCIL

A7046  Aboriginal files: 
A7046(i)  1972 file 
A7046(ii)  Newcastle Trades Hall Council Aboriginal Advancement Committee, Constitution and Policy Statement [ca.1968]. 
A7046(iii)  Seminar for Aboriginal Rights, 11th July 1971  
Minutes and Resolutions. 
A7046(iv)  Correspondence and related papers, 1970. 
A7046(v)  Aboriginal Rights in New South Wales by Peter Tobin  
Newcastle Symposium on Racism, 1972  
Police and Blacks by Bobbi Sykes.  
Aboriginal land rights and the Northern Territory.  

N.S.W. LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL COMMITTEE  
- SELECT COMMITTEE ON THE CONDITION OF THE ABORIGINES.

B9841-B9842  Aborigines; replies to a circular letter addressed to the clergy of all denominations..October 31st, 1836.

IRWIN PAGE

A5929(viii)  The “Mika” and “Kulpi” of the Australian Aboriginals by T.P. Anderson Stuart M.D. Professor of Physiology in the University of Sydney. June 1896. 

A5932(xxi)  Australian Aboriginal Culture and Exhibition arranged by the Australian National Committee for UNESCO, 1953, reprinted 1968.

MRS JAN PEARSON
(DAUGHTER OF THE LATE PERCY HASLAM)

A7772  E.A. Watson Collection of New Guinea and North Australian Artefacts

Please note: This collection is currently incomplete, the whereabouts of most of the artifacts is a mystery. They were formerly held in Mr Percy Haslam’s Office in the English Department. Since his death in 1986 the bulk of the items in the collection disappeared. What remained has resided, since that time, with Mr Haslam’s daughter, Mrs Janice Pearson, who transferred them to the ARBSC Unit in September 2001. The items not present are marked [MISSING].


1. SACRED STONE – Arnhem Land 1944 – Melville Bay Area, where Flying Boat base was near Grove. [MISSING]

2. AXE-HANDLE – Groote Island – There were eight axe heads under an old dead tree, which was found when tree was being removed by manual labour to build a dam for the local mission station. Missionary Gray had his tribal natives make the handle to complete the axe in 1945. [MISSING]

3. SWORD – Wooden sword came from Borneo 1944-1945. Wood was especially fire-tempered. (Genuine tribal sword).

4. BOOMERANG (KILLING) – Boomerang from Groote Island 1945. Collected after a tribal fight (Tribal) [MISSING]

5. WAR STICK – From Arhem Land. [MISSING]

6. SHELLS – New Britain 1941 – 1942 (Large, Medium and Small)

7. BEAD NECKLACE – Small type beads from New Guinea Highlands. (Bead nuts from tree). [MISSING]

8. SHELL NECKLACE – Small shell necklace from Pacific Island 1941. [MISSING]


10. CARVED CHINESE FISHERMAN (WOOD) ALSO TURTLE & TWO DOGS – These were made by a Chinese family in Rabaul in 1941. [ONLY THE FISHERMAN IS MISSING].

11. CARVED WOODEN DOLL – Made by Mohamed Indian in 1916. [MISSING]

12. MODEL CANOES WITH STEERING OAKS (TWO) – From Buka in the Soloman Islands in 1941. [STEERING OAKS ARE MISSING]

13. COLOURED GRASS SKIRT – Was made from natural coloured grasses from New Guinea Highlands (rare skirt). [MISSING]
14. CAT’S EYES (FIVE) – These are used in Aboriginal ceremonies. [MISSING]

15. SPEARS: [ALL MISSING]

One spear complete (head on stick) Killing type [MISSING]
One spear complete (head on stick) Fighting type [MISSING]
One spear head – genuine tribal spearhead. [MISSING]
Two spear heads – mission made with accompanying sticks. [MISSING]

Note: TRIBAL ARTEFACTS – are made from primitive tools.
MISSION ARTEFACTS – are made from primitive tools plus extra tools like files found at mission station.

16. BOONG TWIST – Used as a form of currency in Northern Australia tribes also New Guinea, Solomon Islands and Northern Pacific are etc. Cost Three pence-half penny a stick. An example of what it would buy in Solomon Islands. One bag of oysters with the natives to open them ready for eating with enough to feed twelve people with enough left over to feed another ten. Plug tobacco mixed with molasses used for white tribe trading. [MISSING]

PURFLEET SPECIAL WORKS PROJECT


[A Project to assist the Aborigines at the Purfleet settlement near Taree, New South Wales].

MRS RITA SMITH

A7755(i)  Photo album of Aboriginal sacred sites and location of the Darkinoong Tribe and Awabakal Clan. [c1975]


A7755(iii)  Folder containing correspondence, photocopies, original colour drawing, handwritten and typed notes relating to native arms and weapons, myths and legends, plant cures, Strehlow, Percy Haslam and Aboriginal art in the Watagan Mountains and photographic collections. [1970s] - Feb 1983.

A7755(iv)  Historical album containing photographs, type written notes and xerox copies entitled "Early Rathmines, the A.A. Company and other places." [c1980s]

A7755(v)  Folder containing correspondence, newscloppings, original colour drawings, typed notes and photocopies relating to Hunter Region Aboriginal culture, shields, tribal names and areas, trees and woods.

A7755(vi) Sketchbook containing mounted photocopies and original pencil drawings relating to Aboriginal rock art, implements, weapons, bark paintings, ritual artefacts, shields, ceremonial tablets, Karinog ritual and Groote Island. Dec 1990.

A7756(i) Folder containing 3 copies of: "The Aboriginal Hunter" Supplement to The Newcastle Herald Tuesday May 11th 1993.

A7756(ii) Copy of magazine article: "Discovering Australia's Amazing Secret Valley" by Ken Brass from The Australian Women's Weekly March 10th, 1982.


A7756(vi) Typed and handwritten notes, photocopies and photographs relating to Tahlee House, A.A. Company, Sir Edward Parry, Edward Moriarty, Tanilba House and Stroud. [c1980s]

A7756(vii) Typewritten material and newsclippings relating to Awabakal Aboriginal myths and legends, language, culture compiled by Percy Haslam. 1964 - 1981.

A7756(viii) Typed notes, newsclippings and xerox copies relating to Aboriginal artifacts in the Percy Haslam Collection, Awabakal tribe, language, songs, sayings and original inhabitants. [1980s]

A7756(ix) Typed and handwritten notes, clippings and xerox copies relating to Aboriginal place names, Tasmanian Aborigines, Aboriginal history, Newcastle Aborigines, Awabakal tribe’s myths, language and legends, Wannarua and Ngamba tribe. [c1900 - 1980s].


A7757(iii) Copy of: Australian Aboriginal Decorative Art by Frederick D. McCarthy. 8th ed Sydney, 1974.


A7757(ix) Copy of: Mutooroo: Plant Use By Australia Aboriginal People. Compiled by Glenn Leiper Illustrated by Janet Hauser. [1983]


A7757(xiv) Copy of: New South Wales Aboriginal Places and Euphonious Words, with their Meanings Compiled by Frederick D. McCarthy. Sydney, 1943.

A7757(xv) Copy of: A Place Called Tahlee: A Short Historical Narrative Covering 150 years of the Fascinating History of Tahlee, Port Stephens. [1976]
Canon John Carlos William Stretch was the son of the first Australian-born bishop of the Anglican Church, Bishop John Francis Stretch, who served as Bishop of Newcastle from 1906 – 1919. Canon Stretch was greatly interested in Aboriginal languages and left a voluminous collection of word listings, indexes, manuscript notes, as well as a modest library. His correspondence reflected his interests in Aboriginal place names and fascination for the language and culture. In this regard he resembled another clergyman, the Rev L.E. Threlkeld, who, with his Aboriginal advisor, companion and friend, Biraban, recorded the words and soundings of the native tongues of the Hunter Region. Canon Stretch’s papers were donated by Mrs Helen Pankhurst, and accessioned by Mrs Josie Stevenson.

A7730(viii)  Newspaper Clipping relating to Aboriginal Archaeology. Experts find relics in black campsite (Newcastle Herald, 1979).

A7731(viii) Typed index book titled 'Toponomy (sic): Origins and Meanings of Placenames of New South Wales', [c1940s?]

A7732(i) Letter and invoice file containing correspondence relating to Carlos Stretch's endeavors in Toponymy, 1946-1948.


A7732(iii) Copy of Native Legends by David Unaipon, Adelaide, [n.d.] Signed by author Sept 7, 1939

A7732(iv) Ledger containing "Place names of New South Wales, their origin, meaning and locality, compiled by J.C.W.S. Also contains clippings, notes of place names, map of Sydney area of NSW; letter from W.J.Goold, President, the Newcastle & Hunter District Historical Society, June 1, 1938 (re any St. Paul's publications); "English earl's gift to Sydney church" i.e. silver chalice to St. Marks Church Granville from Earl of Granville (1940?); Death of Lake Pioneer Mrs. Mary Ann Phillips (nee Marks) (1950?); Reprints from The Advocate being articles by Rev. E. Worms about a pamphlet "New deal for the aborigines", an alleged communist attack on Christian Missions, December 14, 21, 1939.


A7738(x) Copy of The Australasian Anthropological journal, March 31, 1897-August 20, 1908 (bound) Vol. 1, no. 4 - Vol. 10, no. 4. Clipping loose in book - report of aboriginal carvings found by Boy Scouts plus an article by F.D. McCarthy in N.M.H. On reverse a photo of Sister H. Towns (later Matron) of Royal Newcastle Hospital.

A7739(i) Copy of An Australian language, as spoken by the Awabakal, the people of Awaba or Lake Macquarie (near Newcastle, New South Wales) being an account of their language, traditions, and customs: by L.E.Threlkeld...edited by John Fraser. 1892.

A7739(ii) Notebooks, Nos. 1-11, containing listings of aboriginal words and meanings in English, arranged alphabetically. [c1920s]

A7739(iii) Notebook entitled 'New South Wales Aboriginal Place Names and Their Meanings from W.W. Thorpe's compilation and elsewhere'. [c1903]


A7739(v) Six notebooks, Nos. 1-6. Alphabetical listing of aboriginal words. [c1900s]
A7739(vi)  Notebook containing introduction to and listing of Aboriginal place names in the Hunter Valley and around Newcastle. [c1900s].

A7740(i)  Folder labeled ABO33, 34, 35 containing manuscript materials of "Toponomy or Place Names of New South Wales, Their Origin, Meaning & Locality, Compiled by J.C.S.W.:

No. 33 "Toponomy or place names of New South Wales, their origin, meaning & locality, compiled by J.C.S.W. A to L." Vol. I.

No. 34: "Toponomy or Place Names of New South Wales, Their Origin, Meaning & Locality, Compiled by J.C.S.W. M-Z." Vol. 2

No. 35: File of aboriginal words and meanings. Tabs cut into the pages. Alphabetical. Also contains unused bank passbook, Bank of NSW stamped "Merriwa, NSW, 193-", utilized as a notebook for aboriginal words and meanings.

A7740(ii)  Folder containing items labeled Nos. ABO 40, 41, 42:-


No. 41 - envelope containing notes for a church service; notes on St. Paul's Church, Maitland, centenary, for an address or publication; Notes for an article on the railways and telegraph centenary in Australia; Invitation (used as notepaper) when Rev. H.E. Evans showed "Life among the Walbiri: a Central Australia Tribe" - films in sound and colour, at the Department of Anthropology, University of Sydney, for the Anthropological Society of NSW; Notes on "Stroud : a Tourist and Historical Mecca" by B. (Boscobel article for Newcastle Morning Herald.); "In and Around Paterson", probably written for publication by Boscobel in N.M.H.; Clipping "Landmark to go at Paterson", by Rona Clarke. [N.M.H.], first hotel built in Paterson to be demolished.

No. 42 - File of correspondence relating to place names, 1948; Replies from Shire Clerks from numerous towns to Rev. Carlos Stretch. Many loose notes, on paper, used envelopes, on place names as well as clippings; Copy of Mankind: Official Journal of the Anthropological Societies of Australia. Vol. 3, no. 7 April, 1945. Contains articles by Professor A.P. Elkin and Mr. F.D. McCarthy on aboriginal matters;

Circular from Rotary Club of West Maitland, 29 January 1950. Secretary Clarry Lawson. Local men's names appear. Reverse side used as notepaper for NRMA note plus clipping from NRMA advertisement 1939;

Typewritten list of Wardens [wartime 1939-1945]. 5 copies. First copy has amendments and additions in pen and ink; Notes on words, meanings, derivations of place names, Aboriginal and English;
Letter from William A. Hoare dated 17 August 1946, to Father Stretch, asking for any history of the church at Clarence Town to be used in a booklet. The P.&C. is holding "Back to Clarence Town School" day. [Was booklet published in 1946?] Pencil note added - May 6, 1858 it was reported that a church was being built at Clarence Town. Note on back (?) consecrated September 1858, nave, chancel, porch & vestry in early English style by E.T. Blacket, Clarence Town dates included St. Johns and Rectory;

Letter from [Rev.] Warwick Turvey, The Rectory, Stroud, dated 16th November 1958 to Canon [Stretch]. Invitation to preach and question about St. Barnabas, Booral. Folded with notes of the reply sent November 18; Copy of NSW Motor Traffic Handbook, 1940;

Clipping from the Daily Telegraph dated September 6, 1964. "126 Years of History". St. Thomas' Church, Mulgoa by Rolf Boldrewood (author) stayed at Fernhill; "Free sample" - fold out Bible study readings;

"Toponomy - List of Place Names, New South Wales A-C" [typewritten manuscript];


Letter from Dr. J.M. Maclean, Trangie to Mr. Stretch re place names. Notes attached of place names (Western NSW);

Letter from Ken, Kempsey NSW dated 8/10/1946. Response to request for place names in Kempsey;

Letter from H.H. Nicholls, Dubbo NSW dated 20/1/1948 to Rev. Carlos Stretch, noting change of address and referring to list of place names - given on to "an old hand to fix up for me...". Hopeful of returning same soon.


Letter from Canon C.W.Leavers, The Rectory, Dubbo, dated 24.12.1946 to Rev. C. Stretch, promising to send on any information he can get about aboriginal names "through a local black tracker".

Letter from Barwongy = Barkingi, Louth, dated March 1947, to the Editor, Western Grazier, Wilcannia offering aboriginal names.

Letter from Constable W.R. McLeod, Court House, Drake, dated 22nd March, Clerk of Petty Sessions, to Rev. C. Stretch. Suggested he try Kyogle Police Police Officer-in-charge as the names may be Richmond River rather than Clarence River dialect. No reason is known for the name of Drake being given when the Post Office was established.

Letter from Stan Henry, Albury, dated 24.2.1948, to Rev. Carlos,
enclosing file of place names, which may be of assistance.

Letter from A.A. Howard, Albury, dated 21/10/1946 to Mr. Harrison, Albury, giving meaning of a name. "Goombargana" is aboriginal and means "big black hill".


Articles and photographs - "100 People Living in Squalor at Leeton’s Wattle Hill Settlement" by Don Hawton.

Letter (typewritten) from Michael Sawtell, Chairman, the Committee for Aboriginal Citizenship, Sydney, to Mr. Stretch. Responding to an aboriginal name enquiry. He mentions Dr. Arthur Capell, Linguist, and Professor Elkin. Pinned to the letter is a list of names and a clipping showing Michael Sawtell, "veteran bushman", and schemes for using water for inland Australia. Letter glued to back of a folder: from Mrs. C. Lean, "Roseleigh", Gleniffer, via Bellingen, to Rev. H.E. Hunt, Coffs Harbour, responding to a request published in the local Bellingen newspaper, about place names. Piece of a letter telling about the naming of "Thora" from "your loving Auntie Anne".

File labeled ABO 43-49B Folder containing exercise books and a binder file and an envelope.

No. 43 Envelop containing: Copy of Rotary Club of Maitland, Charter No. 3501. In commemoration of Rotary's Golden Anniversary, 1905-1955, 23 February, 1955. Contains an article "Place names around the Hunter Valley" by J. Carlos W. Stretch. This copy presented to Rev. Stretch by the club, as well as Maitland identities and local history; Clipping from Newcastle Morning Herald and Miners' Advocate, dated Saturday, December 11, 1954, p.5. (6 copies). Article by Boscobel "District place names make fascinating study".

No. 44 Exercise book (orange cover) - NE and N of NSW place names and loose maps of NSW.


No.46 Exercise book (green cover) contains place names in NE of NSW and locations. Partly used book. Also has a loose invitation to


No. 48 Binder file contains "What's in a Name". Manuscript about people's names, derivations and meanings. Also contains copy of Constitution and By-Laws: Rotary Club of West Maitland, February 1941.

No. 49A I Exercise book - Duke and Duchess of Kent portraits on cover. Contains place names of NSW with meanings and origins, European and aboriginal, plus lists of place names. A - M.

No. 49B II Exercise book - Duke and Duchess of Kent portraits on cover. Contains place names of NSW with meanings and origins, European and aboriginal, plus lists of place names. M - Z.

Blue Folder labeled ABO 50, 51, 52, 53 containing:

No. 50 [Ledger cover used as a folder to hold correspondence about aboriginal place names and meanings.]

Letter from John Stretch, Lismore, dated 24.3.1964 to his father Canon Carlos Stretch. Letter from H.L. Keelan, Town Clerk, Broken Hill re place names.

Copy of letter from Canon Stretch to Town Clerk, Broken Hill, January [1964]. List of place names.


Letter from Mrs. Marjorie Hancock, Deputy Mitchell Librarian, in reply to an enquiry about "Hue Hue", and "Kuranda". 11.3.1960. Christmas gift card for a subscription to Walkabout arranged by Margaret and six (6) others. [n.d.]

Letter from Rev. Russell F. Gibson, Mayfield Methodist Church to Mr. Stretch, re Cooma, referring him on to Mr. Dudley Hawkins, Cooma as a better contact. 8.6.1950. List of place names attached.

Letter attached from R.Dudley Hawkins, replying to Mr. Stretch. 3.7.1950. Note of a reply to, and letter from Lionel Gilbert, Public School, Wauchope about place names. 19.3.1957.

Pencil rough of letter to Mr. Gilbert about place names plus a list of place names and meanings, attached to a letter from L.A. Gilbert, Public School, Wauchope to Rev. Canon Carlos Stretch. 31.1.1957.

List of place names. Around Tibooburra…

List of place names. Around Menindee…
List of place names. Bingeebeebra…

List of place names in the Murray Valley of NSW.

List of place names. Coonamble…

Draught of a letter from Carlos Stretch to a family member.

Letter from F.D. McLeay, High School, Muswellbrook to Rev. Canon C. Stretch replying to a request for meanings of place names.

No. 52 [Account book used as a record of place names arranged alphabetically. Holds clippings and loose sheets with blotting papers, notes, letters received and rough drafts of letters to send].

Containing:

Printed list of "Aboriginal house names" from The Australian Women's Weekly December 20, 1961. pp.28, 29. Clipping from The Australian HOME BEAUTIFUL, May 1956 p.53 - "Aboriginal House Names". (Mrs. W. Onus, Deepdene Vic., offers to supply names information for a search fee.)

*Australian Aboriginal Words and Their Meanings* published by Badenochs Transport, Richmond, S.A. (Removalists).

Acknowledgment is made to South Australian Museum Board for approval of this compilation and the H.M. Cooper, Hon. Associate in Anthropology, S.A. Museum.

Letter from Fred Innes, Bookookoorara, via Tenterfield to Canon Stretch, Lismore asking for meanings of names. 24.8.1964. Meanings are noted on bottom of letter.


Five clippings "What's in its name?" Sydney place names. Articles signed "E. Oakes".

Letter from John C. Capp, "Windermere", Lochinvar to Carlos about "Dalwood" (place name) and about George Wyndham. On back of the sheet is a rough draught of a reply to John.

Letter (10 sheets) from Arthur F. Smith, WYNNUM, E2 to Canon Carlos Stretch telling about the Scone area, "Segenhoe", the story of White's acquisition, Dunbar's Creek, Towarri, Woomula (Woolooma),
Rossgole (held by Bragg, Blunt and Tyson names), Glenbawn. He also mentions himself as a Confirmee of Bishop Stretch. 6.3.1958.


Printed sheet. With Compliments slip of Senator the Honourable Sir Alister McMullin, K.C.M.G. President of the Senate, Parliament House, Canberra. Used for notes of addresses on the back.

Sketch map of Lochinvar area northern side of the New England Highway showing "Kaludah", "Windermere", "Luskintyre", "Wyndella", "Anambah", "Knockfin" on half of the back of a printed sheet "Grass conditions and pastoral outlook in NSW as at 31st December, 1956".

Clipping "Books on Australia". O.U.P. Melbourne. - pasted into back cover.

No.53 Folder of aboriginal correspondence containing:

Letter from Agnes Barwick, "The Hawthorns", RMB 169, Sparkes Creek, Scone, dated March 9, 1952 to Mr Stretch, about origins of place names "Sparkes" and "Kiernane".

Letter from Arthur Cook, St. Albans Church of England, Charlestown to "Dr." (Stretch) re the origin of "Windale". (26/3/1952). The property was owned by Mrs. E.A. Winn of Surprisetown. Her daughter, Mrs. Gore, was postmistress at Windale, and the informant.


Letter from Rob Webster, Temora to the Rev. Carlos Stretch, St. Pauls Rectory, West Maitland, (19th July, 1954) listing place names in the Ardlethan district, and seeking help in their meanings. Had written a history of Temora and was now writing a history of neighbouring Ardlethan. Note: Ans. (answered) July 26. Attached a list of place names plus their meanings. Attached a second letter (2/8/54) Attached a third letter (25/9/54). Pencil annotations have been added by Carlos Stretch.

List of place names Mount Bocolle, Tabrabucca... .

Short letter from Jack M. Haigh to "Dear Sir" giving derivation of "Doyalson". Feb (?) 1955.

Slip of paper with place names "Koolpinyah" etc.

Slip of paper with aboriginal words and meanings "Adno-artina" = large gecko....

Sheet of paper Warijagong (Forbes) = ants...

Pencil draught of a letter of sympathy to Mrs. Campbell - incomplete.

Letter from F.D. McCarthy, Curator of Anthropology, The Australian Museum of Sydney to the Rev. Carlos Stretch, St. Pauls Rectory, Maitland, replying to an enquiry about Aboriginal names. Had been in Arnhem Land for nine months - 6th December, 1948. The enquiry was dated 22nd May, 1948.

Letter from Carlos Stretch to Mr. McCarthy (of the Australian Museum, Sydney). (22.5.1948). Sheet of paper with aboriginal words and a translation, "Wallee…"

Letter from F.S. Colliver, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Brisbane, SW6 (12th February, 1954) to Rev. Carlos Stretch, Hon. Sec. N.D.C., Jarrett Street, Toronto, NSW, replying about a word BULIMBA - magpie lark …

Small notebook "The Gordon memo book" contains a clipping about Rev. Carlos Stretch collecting origins and meanings of place names in the Newcastle district and a pencil quotation inside back cover "Cicero to Atticus do not obtain your slaves from Britain …" same said of the Australian aborigine."

Pinned notepaper "Where are the following ?" Aboriginal place names arranged A-Y. Some meanings are given. (9 pages).

Three slips of paper - Gradgery…; Rivers…; Around Broken Hill.

Letter from Mrs. R.M. Murrell, Girvan via Stroud, to Mr Stretch, mentioning his brother Mr Cliff Stretch, Minister, whom she knew. Described The Branch of the Karuah River, where a township once stood. Slips of paper with place names. Quarrobylong… Combe - old English valley…

Card to invite people to Holy Communion Tinamba… (brief draught of letter written May 8, to Town Clerk at Sale, re aboriginal names in the district.

Draught of letter, posted Feb. 5, to Mr F.S. Colliver, c/- Geology Department, University of Queensland, St. Lucia, Brisbane, requesting meaning of "Bulimba".

Envelope containing letters. Letter and list of place names around Cobar from Carlos Stretch, St. Pauls Rectory, West Maitland, dated Feb 5, 1947 to Miss Corbett [at Cobar]. Pinned to letter from [Miss] P. Corbett, Shearleys, Cobar, dated 7-7-47, to Dr. McLean, Trangie NSW in which she sends on letter from Carlos Stretch.

Letter from Dr. J.M. Maclean, Trangie, dated 17th October, 1951, to Mr. Stretch and attaching a letter from Andrew D. Mathews, "Maryantha", Cobar, dated 21.7.1951, addressed to Dr. Maclean and Mr. Carlos Stretch. Gives information about place names in the Cobar district. A contact person was Wal Snelson, President of Cobar Bowls Club. Slip : Taree- Dumaresque, Oxley and Mitchell Islands. (no meanings) Bendolba….wrote to W.J. Ingram, Bendolba, Delegate.

Clipping from Newcastle Morning Herald, 2/6/1954 - obituary of Mr. A.J. Moate, b. Moate Street, Georgetown, m. Miss Elizabeth Proctor of Stockton, d. Mater Hospital, Waratah, aged 87.
Letter from Rev. Canon C. Stretch, Jarrett Street, Toronto NSW dated February 15, 1955 to Mr. White ("Henry V ?") Belltrees, Gundy, requesting help for meanings or origins of place names of NSW enclosing a list of place names. Note: Answered, unable to help. Numbered in pencil "32".

Letter to Mr. E. Bernays, Maffra, Cooma, from Carlos Stretch. Pinned to reply from E.K. Bernays, Maffra, Cooma dated 9/8/1955, to Canon Stretch, re information on place names in the Cooma district.

A7741(iii) Blue Folder containing items labelled ABO 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59 containing:-

No.54 Hard-covered exercise book. Lists of place names - Victoria, NSW areas - Gundagai, Yass, Cooma, Orange, Armidale, Bombala...Wilcannia. Also inquiries to PP Boards at Armidale, Wentworth; Letter from A.J. McAndrew, Public Relations Officer, dated 31st October 1946 to Rev. C. Stretch, St Paul's Rectory, West Maitland. Folded with Carbon Copy of list of Railway stations and platforms, which would have been sent back to Mr. McAndrew; Slip of paper with NSW place name "Bostobrick" - established as a timber centre 1857; 3 pages pencil - names, district, origin /meaning "Goarra" S.Sutherland = a locust [NSW places.]; 3 pages pinned. List 1. North Coast names; 2. Around Cooma; 3. Central Coast, NSW; Reprint of an article "The Aboriginales of Australia" by Archdeacon E.A. North Ash, Home Secretary of the Australian Board of Missions, [1940?]; Envelope containing Rotary envelope with pencil notes - place names, surnames of authors; Lists of works on Australia, Antarctica and the Pacific Islands. Public Library of NSW. Country Reference Section, January 1940, and September 1941. (2 copies).


No. 57 Exercise Book with cover picture "Tank exercises. Australia's Defence" containing Clipping "Choosing new name for New Lambton". Kotara chosen (1950?); Handwritten notes on etymology of place names- Old English onwards; Draught note to Mrs. O (Victorian) re Murray Valley place names; Letter from William A. Bayley, Central School, Crookwell, dated 13th September 1954, to Rev. Carlos Stretch, Toronto, asking for help for a proposed title for a book about Far South Coast of NSW.
No. 58 Folder containing: typed manuscript of "Origins and meanings of place names of New South Wales". Compiled by J. Carlos W. Stretch. Alphabetical with tabs as far as "C".


A7742(xvi) Folder labelled ABO 60, 61 containing:


No. 61 Containing:
A ledger book labelled "Place Names in Alphabetical Order, for which I am seeking meanings or origins." [in the hand of Carlos Stretch on
Names are listed alphabetically in the book, with localities then notes.

Loose notes, pages, and sheet of blotting paper inserted in the book with 2 clippings pasted on inside back cover concerning "Nowra" and "Mollymoke". Also further listings of areas and their place names, e.g. "...around Maitland and Newcastle".

Clipping from a Lismore newspaper - Book Review: Kyogle by Eve Keane. "First Kyogle Settlement 12 Years After Discovery. Shire Preserves History".

An article with photographs. Reverse side contains an obituary of Mr. S.B.L. Gates of Lismore. Corner of envelope has 3 addresses noted, for place names Towarri, Rossgole, Glenbawn.

File tabs with (alphabetical order) place names, district, meaning and origin. Cover used as notepaper with list of names, animal, and eucalypts. Cover says Address...the First Session...Thirty-First Synod...Diocese of Newcastle on Tuesday, 1st June, 1954 by Francis, Bishop of Newcastle.

Account book cover is used to hold "Meanings and origins wanted. - JSCWS". Includes : loose blotting paper advertisement- i.e. Buzacott's, G.P. Pty Ltd.

List of New South Wales Aboriginal Place Names and their meanings. Compiled by W.W. Thorpe.

Draught of letter from Carlos Stretch to the Headmaster, Parkes High School, June 6 1947, asking for help to collect origins and meanings of place names. List of names around Parkes attached.

Slip with place names around Scone and Gundy, and Lismore.

Letter draught from Carlos Stretch, St. Pauls, West Maitland, to the Headmaster, Kyogle Intermediate High School, asking for help in finding origins and meanings of place names. List is attached.

List of place names around Port Macquarie. Some meanings have been written in a different hand. List of dates.


Clipping "Molong means 'All rocks' " from a Molong newspaper. List of Molong aboriginal names.


Review by G.G. [NMH?] Aboriginal names - 6 pages pinned together. Handwritten by Carlos Stretch.


Letter from Geo Roberts, The Vicarage, Tambar Springs, 22nd September, 1950 to the Rev. Carlos Stretch, St. Pauls Rectory, Maitland NSW replying to a request for the origins and meanings of place names. (early ballpoint pen was used.) 4pp.


List of place, animal, other aboriginal names with meanings for many added. (remains of old exercise book.)

Memo book contains notes about names, followed by list of aboriginal names in the Hunter Valley and around Newcastle, with meanings opposite.

Pages from a ledger contain aboriginal names. Heading "Wonnah-ruah Tribe", and "tribe on the Bogan", and meanings for some.

Exercise book - front marked ABC (A), has alphabetical arrangement of place names with meanings, also animals, also Timbers. At the opposite end lists of names of various dialects (areas). Loose in book, FAO pamphlet, Feb. 1950, and a page with more names, "Thillaba = cold..."


"Aboriginal Names of North West" by Russell McDonagh. Clipping glued inside cover. From Gunnedah Independent Advertiser. Monday August 4, 1947. Slip of paper "Where is Warrungen = Boomerang" ...

Letter from E.K.Lingard, News Editor, Newcastle Morning Herald, Newcastle, (21st August, 1947) to Rev. Carlos Stretch replying to request for assistance about place names, and inviting him to prepare an article for the paper.

Cash book labelled "Aboriginal words, various dialects, along the Murray and the Darling, the Barwon, also Wodi Wodi (Wollongong) Wiradjerie".

A7742 (xvii)

Blue folder labeled ABO 64, 65, 67 containing:

No. 64 contains typed sheets of name in alphabetical order with districts and origins. Also lists, starting 1. "Batar" = water, and 2. "Aberdare" - after a mining town in Wales.

No. 65 containing pages from Spurs (official organ of 2LM Radio Ranch Club, Lismore) 1953. Contains columns of "NSW Place Names" by "Wirrobullikan".

No. 67 Contains: letter from Dr J.M. Maclean, Trangie, 17th September, 1946 to Mr. Stretch; Letter from Dr. J.M. Maclean, Macquarie Hotel, Port Macquarie, 14th August, 1946, to Mr Stretch. List of reference books given; Draught letter by Carlos Stretch to Dr Maclean, Sept 4. Pinned to previous two letters + list of names e.g. "Beamble"…; Slips of aboriginal names and meanings written in the hand of Dr Maclean; Note from Bill Goold (yrs in Rotary) [56 Dumaresq Street, Hamilton] to Mr. Stretch. Offers help in search for aboriginal place names and meanings; Letter from W.J. Enright to Very Rev. Carlos Stretch - 21st August 1946, discussing meanings of aboriginal names; Large envelope containing correspondence from Russell McDonagh, Gunnedah (McDonagh Pty. Ltd. Merchants) September 1947. Holds 3 letters and 2 envelopes. List of aboriginal names from Carlos Stretch to R. McDonagh + reply letter and list with some names and meanings. October 16th 1947; Draught letter from Carlos Stretch to the [Sergeant of Police, Lockhart 3S] asking the meaning of "Tinamba" = (Red of White Stone) or (At Foot of the Hills) ; attached to reply from R.A. Ciendenning, Sergeant of Police, Lockhart 3S. 15th June, 1955; Copy of Alphabetical list of the polling-places in the abovenamed state (NSW) (as at the 3rd October, 1961.) Copy of New South Wales Aboriginal Place Names and Euphonious Words, with their Meanings, compiled by Frederick D. McCarthy. 1946. Annotated by Carlos Stretch with localities, in pen; Sheets of names with meanings written in by [?] and returned to Carlos Stretch; Listings of Aboriginal names with meanings. 7 slips; Lists of names - 8 slips pinned together. Names arranged a-z with meanings written in, also some localities shown; Invitation card to Rev. J.CW. Stretch and guest to attend the A.G.M. of the Anthropological Society of NSW, Wednesday, 5th Nov, 1947, 8p.m. Dr.A. Capell- address- "The Heart of New Guinea". [Syd, Uni.]; Letter from Phillip Beddoes, Shire Clerk, Talbragar Shire Council, Dubbo, 13th July, 1948. Replying to Rev C. Stretch, St Paul's Rectory, West Maitland. Unsuccessful with meanings of place names; A sheet in an unidentified hand entitled "ABORIGINAL PLACE NAMES. Mr. W.A. Bayley supplies us with the following…with meanings Bega = 'a big camping place'; What's in a Name? Surnames from the British Isles, pages 37-50 from WOMAN’S DAY with WOMAN, July 4, 1960.

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Exercise book cover "Motor trip 1939 - rough notes". Holds items: letter from H.S.Kidner, Acting General Secretary Church Missionary Society, 109a Bathurst Street, Sydney, (17th October, 1935) to Rev. J. C.Stretch , St. Paul's Rectory, West Maitland. Thanks for contribution from the C.E.M.S. - pencilled notes on back; Clippings from Dungog Chronicle & Gloucester Advertiser, Maitland Mercury, Armidale Diocesan News; about Chichester Dam ; St. Peter's Cathedral, Armidale ; Barrington Tops ; Glenrock Lagoon ; Aboriginal stone tools ; Maitland Volunteers ; Cobham Hall.

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A6967(i)(a) Life of Mrs Annie Whilmena Kelly who is of Aboriginal descent from 1909 - Annie Whilamena Kelly. Researcher: Shay Kelly [Duplicates at A6969(i)(b)].
A6967(v) Living conditions of Worimi Aborigines of Port Stephens before and after the appearance of Europeans. [Essay by John McLachlan].

A7466b(xv) How effectively did Aboriginal people resist the European invasion of their country? by David Latimore.

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